

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The assembly sheds of the Chocen Plant of Let, at Chocen [redacted], lie in the northeast corner of the airfield, about 50 meters from the Chocen-Vysoke Myto railroad line and about 50 meters from the road between Dvorisko and the Dvorisko station. They measure 80 by 100 meters and on the east side they adjoin the administration building, canteen and kitchen. 50X1-HUM
2. The following separate sections of the plant have been combined with the assembly department; the tin smithy, the pressing plant--containing plate presses and ten eccentric presses of various capacities--the preparatory work department, the carpenter's shop and the turner's shop--containing three vertical milling cutters, four planers, ten screw-cutting lathes, eight normal lathes and two MASS (sic) machines.
3. A boiler house stands at the point where the Chocen-Vysoke Myto railroad line and the highway draw close to each other. It is equipped with high-pressure boilers of a new type, which have tin chimneys only three or four meters high. The boiler house also contains an electric transformer. Water is supplied from the river, but for reasons of economy drilling for an artesian well has begun. In 1952 this well was 176 meters deep.
4. The guard's shack stands about 200 meters from the railroad line in the direction of Dvorisko. There is a wire fence along the road to Dvorisko. Approximately one kilometer east of this road stands a three-story residence which was confiscated from Mraz (fnu), of the Benes & Mraz firm which formerly ran what is now the Chocen Plant of Let. This building houses the main offices of the plant and the designing and construction departments.
5. There are from 800 to 1,000 employees of the plant, working in three shifts.
5. Dwellings for the employees have been built in the suburbs of Chocen and a plant bus service is in operation. The remainder of the employees are housed in thirty new buildings which have been erected along the Chocen-Vysoke Myto highway at the southern end of the airfield.

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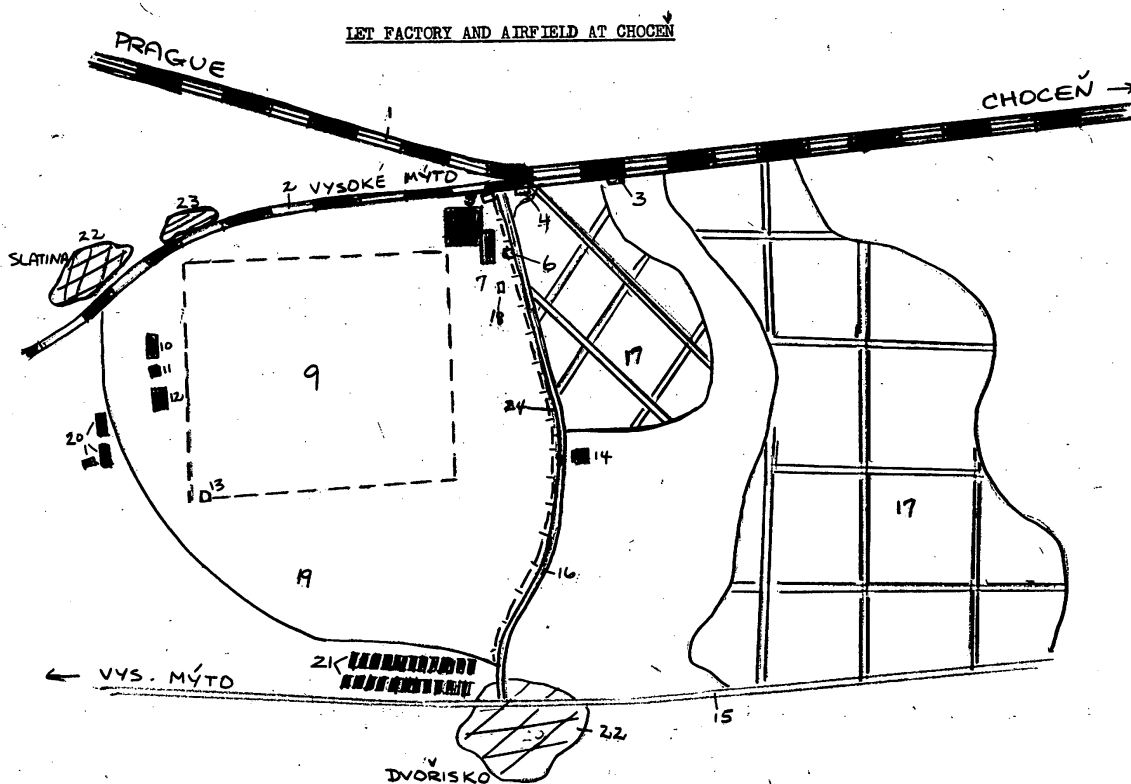
6. The director and chief pilot of the airfield is Alfonso Kobizek; the chief mechanic is Antonin Svatos.

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Legend:

1. Chocen - Prague double-track railroad line.
2. Chocen - Vysoke Myto single-track line.
3. Fence.
4. Dvorisko Station.
5. Boiler house.
6. Porter's lodge.
7. Administrative building and canteen, measuring 40 by 30 by 8 m.
8. Assembly department.
9. Area of airfield (800 x 1,000 m).
10. Brick hangar, 30 x 40 meters.
11. Guard's house, 4 x 6 meters.
12. Hangar, brick and metal, 30 x 60 meters.
13. Fuel pump.
14. Management building, three-story, 30 x 40 meters.
15. District road, asphalted, from Chocen to Vysoke Myto.
16. New road to Dvorisko Station.
17. Forest.
18. Artesian well.
19. Road lined with fruit trees.
20. Farm.
21. Factory employees' house.
22. Slatina village.
23. Pond.
24. Fence.

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